

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Knowles presiding and Councilman Angel and Councilwoman Askren attending. Others attending were Chief Webber; Chief Beloit; Comm. Gray; Deputy Manning; Jamie Grabert - Posey County News; and arriving during the meeting, Supt. Givens.

Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. She added if not, she entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Councilman Angel moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles requested action on the claims presented.

Councilman Angel moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated the motion carried unanimously.

\*\*\*\*\*CLAIMS\*\*\*\*\*

Sewage \$108,617.06

Payroll 19,669.54

General, MVHF, LECEF, 172,388.59

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Comm. Gray stated Road School is at the end of the month, and he would like permission to attend and use the city credit card for lodging, etc.

Mayor Knowles moved permission to attend and use the credit card be given. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Webber stated he has talked with Attorney Funkhouser concerning going through the state bid for the purchase of the fire department new vehicle. He stated since the price is going to be over \$25,000 they have to go through the bid process and advertise in the paper, etc. He added Chief Beloit had possession of their old vehicle as of today, so he

would like permission to proceed with the process.

Councilman Angel questioned why the SUV/4 WD ?

Chief Webber replied one issue is due to the weather they had this past December - they had to borrow personal vehicles from members of the department in order to get to folks on medical runs.

Mayor Knowles agreed and added they also have better resale value.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe added that they also need that type of vehicle in order to pull the Surrey Fire House.

Chief Webber agreed and added this type of vehicle is more versatile and with a crew cab, it makes it easier for when the guys go to class they can all ride together and put their luggage in the back.

Mayor Knowles moved permission be given to start the bid process for the new vehicle.  
Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Webber continued his report by stating since the department basically has no vehicle and he will be using his own, he would request that the city pay his fuel, oil changes, etc., until they can get the new one.

Mayor Knowles stated that is fine with her. She then moved Chief Webber be permitted to charge the city for his fuel and oil changes until he can receive the new department vehicle.  
Seconded by Councilman Angel.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Webber then stated the guys will be going to Champaign, IL on the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month for a training class and will be traveling in two vehicles - they had wondered if they could rent a car and all go up together. He stated he did some figuring today and based on the \$.25 per mile the city pays, it would actually be cheaper to pay both drivers mileage than to rent. He stated it would cost \$150 for both drivers - total.

Mayor Knowles stated he should use his discretion, it is his budget.

Chief Webber stated he feels they should probably just take their own, it would be cheaper.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Beloit stated they have completed their testing and will be interviewing 10 applicants

on the 17<sup>th</sup> of the month immediately following the next Board of Works meeting.

Supt. Givens arrived at the meeting.

Chief Beloit then stated they have discussed keeping a list of applicants after they have hired someone, and holding that list for a year, but he is not sure if they want to eliminate those hired from the list, or leave all 10 on the list.

Councilwoman Askren asked what Chief Beloit wants to do ?

Councilman Angel added they are hiring two from the original 10 anyway, aren't they ?

Chief Beloit replied yes and stated that would leave 8 on the list. He stated he is worried they could run into a situation where there are bad background checks, and they may end up on the list.

Mayor Knowles asked if Chief Beloit couldn't bring that up at the time and recommend if they be considered or left on the list ? She then wondered if they couldn't be eliminated and then make the list from that.

Chief Beloit agreed they could do that.

Mayor Knowles stated they could decide when the issue arises.

Chief Beloit stated then there would be no set number.

Mayor Knowles agreed, no set numbers.

Chief Beloit stated he will discuss this further with Attorney Funkhouser.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens stated Mr. Harris, at 6<sup>th</sup> and Canal, has been having sewer problems and tied into a line himself that is not going to work out. He added the closest line that would work is across the street and he realizes there would be a street cutting permit and fee involved with that. He added he has been told by Supt. Waller that there may be a line in the alley, though it is not listed on their maps.

Mayor Knowles stated if they get in there and find that there is line, they need to be sure to add it to the map.

Supt. Givens replied he would and added at this point they need to help out Mr. Harris and be sure that he is satisfied.

Board agreed they need to make the situation right.

Supt. Givens then stated he feels the sewer should reimburse the difference to Mr. Harris as he has already spent quite a bit.

Comm. Gray wondered if they could extend the cut that is already in the street.

Supt. Givens replied that may not be at the right elevation and Supt. Waller thinks the lines is in the alley. He added they will dig next week and try to find the main sewer line.

Mayor Knowles again stated they should be sure to update the map if they do indeed find a line.

Chief Webber asked how long they thought the work would take ?

Supt. Givens replied he really does not know, they need to find the plumbing first.

Supt. Givens continued his report by stating every year they have to publish the Public Notice on CSO's. He stated this is done in March every year and since nothing has changed from last year, he will publish the same one.

Supt. Givens then stated there is an issue with the new strip mall on 4<sup>th</sup> Street where the Roca Bar is going in, along with a subway type sandwich shop. He stated they need to install grease traps, but they are wanting to try something different and put them in the sinks instead of in the lines. He added he has not had a chance yet to investigate that.

Mayor Knowles stated she feels the grease traps should be in the line, in the city's control.

Councilwoman Askren agreed.

Supt. Givens stated they are ready to move on this right away, but he told them to hold up. He added one big grease trap would probably be more expensive for them.

Mayor Knowles stated the Board needs to worry about the city's infrastructure, though.

Councilwoman Askren agreed and added it should be in the line.

Mayor Knowles stated especially if that is what all the others had been told.

Supt. Givens stated he does not feel grease traps in the sinks is a good idea, whether it indicates that as an option in the ordinance or not.

Councilwoman Askren stated they should be in the lines, not in the sinks.

Supt. Givens stated he is not sure if anyone else around here has them installed in the sinks.

Mayor Knowles stated she feels they should be in the lines, that way the city can monitor it better.

Board agreed.

Supt. Givens stated he will get back with the contractor.

Supt. Givens concluded his report by stating the lap top and icebox they had discussed at the last meeting have been purchase. He stated they got approval from SRF, but due to a time frame on a warranty, they had to buy it first and then be reimbursed by SRF. He

stated the icebox was purchased from Best Buy - he took them a check and was given a proof of purchase since they were sold out, should have it in three days.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any Legals for consideration ?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied she has nothing.

Mayor Knowles asked if the anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles stated under New Business, she would like to inform the Board that she sent in an application for a PCCF Grant for a quality of life survey. She added there would be no out of pocket expense for the city, and if they are successful, it will be a three phase grant for a total of \$15,000. She added it would be complete in 2006.

Mayor Knowles stated if there were no further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilwoman Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman Angel.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

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Rosemary L. Knowles

Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cristi L. Wolfe

Clerk-Treasurer